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By a Captain of the U. S. Dragoons.

CHAPTER X.

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The next evening, accordingly, we were all assembled on the grass in expectation of the story, when D., after a little rallying, delivered himself as follows:

MAH-ZA-PA-MEE.

The Punca Indians are a reduced band; their warriors amount to no more than one hundred and fifty. They are invariably friendly to whites; and are noted for bravery and swiftness of foot. Their village is at the mouth of the L'eau-qui-court, on the Missouri, a thousand miles from the spot where that river mingles with the Mississippi In the spring of '14, a calumet party of about twenty Grand Pawnees paid them a visit in their villages; the two tribes being on as good terms as Indians ever are. These are called by us, begging parties; but with a desire always to make the best of human nature, I would ascribe to them less degrading motives; for though custom decrees that presents be made on such occasions, all in turn give and receive. The visitors were "smoked" as usual; feasted on fat dogs; and then they sang, danced, and "counted their coups." What a simple but powerful incentive to virtue, (*Indian* virtue) is this custom! and how innocently is ambition thus fated! The time is night; brilliant fires burn around; and stately chiefs are seated with all the cross-legged dignity of Turkish Pachas; the animating music of the song peals forth; the exhilarated braves dance with emulous ardor and activity;—for a moment they cease;—one of them recounts a *coup*, deposites some article of small value, and tells the actor in a greater feat, to take it as his own. The dance is renewed with increased animation, till at length another relates his superior adventure;—his form seems to swell, his eyes glistens with delight, as he removes the prize and lays it at the feet of the chief. Long they continue, but with endless variety; until finally the chief distributes the simple honors, and thus adds his sanction to the merit of the prizes. *Fashion* dec des that modesty is not wanting in this self-praise: but it also requires and has the most powerful means to enforce, that the recital be the strictest truth. Thus does the red man of our forests closely imitate the noblest customs of Greece, in the day of her virtue and renown!

Thus were the visitors treated; but a faithless return was made for open-handed hospitality. A young brave of their number being very *unceremoniously* entertained by the principal chief Shu-da-gah-ha, and his family, easily discovered an unfortunate difference; a jealousy between his two wives; and, struck with the appearance of the favorite, Mah-za-pa-mee—for she was a pretty woman—he determined to improve a temporary advantage, and engage in an intrigue. His affections, and ambition too, became engaged in the suit, and he warmly urged it. His good looks and eloquence combined to persuade her that nothing could equal the Pawnees, and the delightful life they led: he told her that they killed more buffaloes, planted more corn and pumpkins, and had more scalp dances than any other nation: and above all, they stole more horses too, and their squaws never walked. How could she resist so happy a picture! She did not: she consented to fly with him to the promised paradise. His arrangements were easily made; and the next night, like Paris, the beau *ideal* of beaux, he escaped triumphantly with this modern Helena. Mah-za-pa-mee took with her an infant son; and, guided by her lover, in due time arrived at the village of the Grand Pawnees, on the Rio-de-la-plata, *Anglice*, the Big Platte.

On discovering the flight, the chief was quite outrageous: it was too late for pursuit: they had taken the best horses; but the sacrifice of the remaining Pawnees, until then perfectly ignorant of the proceeding, could well appease his ire; and though innocent, they had paid with their lives the forfeit of the indiscretion, but for the active influence of Manuel Lisa. They were dismissed without presents, and with dishonor. But Shu-da-gah-ha had more pride or policy than *Menelaus*, and war did not immediately result.

Not long after this affair, a small party of Dahcotahs, probably to prove the truth of Hobbes' theory of our nature, by carrying on a war "whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," directed their footsteps to the village of the Grand Pawnees; and there prowled about undiscovered, until at length they killed and scalped a son-in-law of that very distinguished chief Car-ra-ra-ka-wah-wah-ho, whom the whites called Long Hair. This was done in darkness and very near the village. A trail cannot be followed at night; but very early the next morning, eighty braves were in pursuit as fast as their chargers could carry them. During the night, the Sioux had not been idle. An Indian a foot can travel as far perhaps in twenty-four hours as another on horseback. The next morning the sun rose upon them near fifty miles from the Pawnee village; the Pawnees perceived from their trail that their enemies were but five or six in number, which induced them to continue in untiring pursuit for three days. The Sioux in their flight passed by the Punca village, simply because it was in their nearest direction home. The conscience-stricken Pawnees had from the first suspected them to be Puncas; but on perceiving that the trail led directly to their village, doubt yielded to certainty in their minds, and they continued the pursuit—not to attack the Puncas, but in the hope, if failing to overtake the party, to cut off some straggler at a respectful distance from the village. Accordingly, when arrived within two miles of it on the fourth day, they were delighted to discover two young Punca hunters; they instantly engaged in hot pursuit. But the ground was much broken, and the young Puncas were determined that the reputation of their tribe for swiftness of foot should not suffer on this occasion; so they ran like heroes, for their lives were at stake. The Pawnees did not dream of their escaping; nor did they, which was more important, perceive how near they were approaching the village, so warmly were their imaginations engaged with the idea of the two scalps that were careering before them. But the Puncas did escape, and soon did they make it known; for never, till then, was heaven's conclave saluted with such horrid discord The braves all yelled like devils; each squaw howled for *ten*, and wolf dogs were ten to their one, and gave distinguished proof of the power of their lungs. The luckless urchin that disturbs a nest of hornets, is not more warmly assailed, or sooner put to his heels, than were the panic-struck Pawnees by this nest of fiery Puncas. Those that could both lay hands on horses sallied forth scarce the less swiftly on foot. Away! away they went! with what a sublime confusion of sound and motion! a mighty chase, with life and death upon the issue! On! on they go! now they dash into that bushy ravine, and how awfully the din is mellowed. But the hill is gained, and they burst pell mell into view with that astounding shout. Away! away! *Now* Pawnee do thy best! Hear that cutting sound, that shrill war cry! sweet music to the Punca; to the Pawnee, the jarring signal of his doom. Six times was heard that well-known yell of Shu-da-gah-ha. He was avenged. Noble feats of horsemanship were that day performed by the best of riders; feats which made one shudder to examine in cold blood. But most of the horses were run down and abandoned, and Punca and Pawnee ran on foot. The latter threw away their guns and strewed the prairie with cumbrous finery; and to this, many were indebted for their safety. The Puncas ceased to pursue at night more than rwenty miles from their village; they had taken eight scalps, and captured many horses and guns.

Thus we see two tribes fairly in a war, originating in the indiscretion of Mah-za-pa-mee, which led to the mistake which caused the war.

But, to return to our heroine and the Pawnee village. In due time the foremost of the scattered messengers of misfortune arrived; it was in the night. Fortunately, Mah-za-pa-mee had made a warm friend of an old squaw, who hastened with the first news of the disaster, to warn her of her impending danger; for then no one could doubt the fate that was in store for her; she and her son would be sacrificed to Pawnee revenge. The old woman furnished her with moccasins and smoked meat, and she immediately escaped from the village, *alone and on foot*, and she took with her her son.

This was late in June; and she determined "to strike" for the nearest waters of the L'eau-qui-court, hoping to meet their band, who usually followed up that river on the summer buffalo hunt. Her meat was soon gone, and roots were her sole resource; and she was without any means of kindling a fire. Thus she journeyed, carrying on her back her child, now two years old, enduring the scorching heat of the shadeless prairie by day, and clilled by its cold dews at night. Thus simply are the facts narrated. But who shall paint to the senses the full horror of her sufferings of mind and body!

She reached the L'eau-qui-court, and found that her entire tribe had passed many days before. Mah-za-pa-mee did not despair. She could not hope to *overtake* them; but for days, she searched their trail and camps, endeavoring to find something left or "cached" that would serve for food; but all failed. She then resolved to follow down the river, and, if able, to reach the village; she would find there green corn, and pumpkins, always planted before the annual hunting migration. More than a hundred miles were before her, starved and burdened as she was, wasted by the extremes of the weather, and ever assailed by that maddening pest, the musquito. But her life was prolonged by the small fish which she caught in shallow streams and pools, and they of course were eaten raw!

Late in August, Mah-za-pa-mee reached the vicinity of her village on the Missouri: and she found it—oh! last stroke of unrelenting fate!—occupied by hostile Indians, before whom the last vestiges of vegetation were fast disappearing. She *hid herself*, but yielded to despair.

Mah-za-pa-mee and her son were discovered the next day by a white man of Mr. Lisa's company. He was of a small party that had been left in charge of a storehouse, some distance below: provisions having become scarce, they had ascended the river to see if the Puncas had returned with a supply of meat. Their appearance when found was described as emaciated, wretched, and even horrible. And, indeed, if there were room for it, who would not doubt the possibility of their surviving?

Under no other circumstances does poor human nature show so much its weakness, become so much degraded, as when assailed by starvation. Famine! nought but thou canst reduce proud, gifted, noble man, to the level of the wretched beast. Thou shakest his reason from its pedestal! Thou makest him yield all to revolting appetite! But, no more. —Mah-za-pa-mee, well and hearty, would probably have terminated an existence then worth preserving, rather than meet her husband thus humbled, and a petitioner: but now, suffering than death—the loathsome picture of famine—true to the singular nature of her species, clinging the more closely to life—she seeks to offer herself before her injured lord, for a mouthful of food.

Mah za-pa-mee at length rejoined her tribe, and sought to throw herself at the feet of her husband. Pity is allied to affection; and much was she to be pitied: but chiefly was she to depend upon her child, that inseparable link of union, for forgiveness. It was that which succeeded: for surely the chief, Shu-da-ga-ha, did not believe her, that the Pawnee throw "squaw medicine" (love powder) on her; that "he bewitched her." She was forgiven, grew apace in flesh and flavor, and has since been, as her has son, healthy and happy.

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Letter from Oroville.

OROVILLE, March 4, 1857.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL: Indisposition, as well as the want of startling items, must plead my excuse for not writing more regular. But here goes, for "all I have seen, and part of which I was" There was a meeting held at the St. Nicholas Hotel a few days ago, attended by a large number of our most enterprising citizens, for the purpose of taking measures to procure an engine here at once. All present manifested a good deal of interest, and the necessity and importance of immediate action was urged by all present. Messrs. George W. Garriott and Dan Otterson, two of our most enterprising citizens, were appointed a committee to procure subscriptions for the purpose of purchasing the necessary apparatus at once. Yesterday I saw the two gentlemen mentioned, with paper in hand, perambulating the streets, calling on all classes to come down with the "rino;" and, from the interest manifested, am led to suppose that they met with very liberal encouragement. From the character of the men who have taken the thing in hand, there is no doubt but what we shall have an efficient Fire Department here in the course of a few months. It would astonish you to see the number of brick buildings in the prospective here now. There is not less than twenty already contracted for. Mr. Matthews will build a fine brick store directly opposite the St. Nicholas, and in fact that whole side of Montgomery street will be built of brick by next winter. Parties are already laying their plans to build a magnificent brick hotel here, and I understand that the materials have been ordered.

Oroville is no doubt a progressive town, and when we get our *steamboat* and our *railroad*, we shall indeed be "some pumpkins."

The last rain we had caused the river to rise here very rapidly—so much so that fears were entertained that the water would reach up to town. When the river is swollen so much, it is very rapid opposite town; in fact, a perfect torrent, roaring and dashing down over the rocks like a young Niagara, and how in the world a steamboat expects to stem such a current, at any time, I can't see; still the knowing ones say the stream is navigable at all seasons.

The weather now is delightful; in fact, magnificent. The surrounding hills are covered with green grass and blooming flowers, making the air heavy with their perfume.

I have just returned to-day from a ride over to Wyandotte, a distance of seven miles. Providing myself with a "fast" horse and "faster" buggy, with one of nature's "tender ones" by my side, in shape of one of the gayest, rollicking, and happy female women ever sent into this world to tease the heart out of man. Such a time! Well, I can't tell you anything about those things; your's too old in the business. On our way we saw many miners at work, and apparently obtaining rich rewards. There is one claim over at Oregon Gulch that yields three thousand dollars per week, owned by four men.

The late rains caused some damage to the Feather River Ditch; but through the promptness of the energetic officers of the company, all breaks have been repaired. This ditch flows through a large and rich mining region, and any material damage or breaks would throw an immense amount of men out of work. The ditch to Thompson's Flat is now finished, and great was the rejoicing at that flourishing town upon the news that the water had been turned on The mines promise abundant yields.

I noticed in our town, a few days since, the distinguished lawyer, Col. E. D. Baker, of your city. He took a good deal of pains to inform himself with regard to the permanence of this place, and was heard to express a very favorable opinion of its future prospects.

On next Monday night we are to have a grand Calico Dress Ball, gotten up under the supervision of Madame Pique. These parties appear to be all the rage in this region at present, and from preparations being made it will no doubt be *the* party of the season. The Madame has her dancing schools in nearly every town within twenty miles of here, and meets with great success.

On the 17th there will be a grand St Patrick's ball given at Musical Hall, the proceeds to be appropriated for the purpose of erecting a Catholic Church here. It will be a magnificent affair. The tickets are fixed at five dollars, and already about five hundred have been sold. The supper will be furnished by contract, and will probaly exceed anything before attempted *in the mines*.

Nothing can surpass the brilliance and splendor of our nights at this time. The full, round moon, with countless millions of stars shining over us, with the soft, balmy zephyrs, wafted as from Elysian fields. The flow of the river, as it courses its way down to join the great sea, ever rushing on, reminding one of life; for, like the rapid river, flows our lives along, to a darker, deeper ocean. As I sit here by the open casement, listening to its murmuring sound, how many fond remembrances float through my mind of home, where the great Mississippi, with its never ceasing flow, lulled you to sleep; and the joyous glee, with the tick of "bones," and the teeming of "banjos," filled the air for miles around. I involuntary sigh for my native home.

Since writing the above I have learned that the gentlemen who are procuring subscriptions for the purchase of an engine, have nearly all the money raised, and parties will go below in a day or two to purchase one. We shall expect you folks to do the fair thing by us.

You will hear from me again next week So adieu. DON.

CURIOUS.—A Vermont genius, by name Mead, 19 years of age, has been astonishing the natives near the asylum, Battleboro, Vt. During the night before Christmas, by the light of a lantern, young Mead constructed of blocks of frozen snow, on which water had been poured, a statue which genius alone could form or conceive. The figure is said to represent a beautifully sculptured figure of the Goddess of Fame, rather larger than life size. The design indicates decided genius. Fame has just recorded the past year's history. Her right hand, still grasping the pen, has fallen carelessly to her side, while her left hand, holding the tablet, rests upon her knee; her attention for the moment being engrossed with passing and changing objects yet to be recorded. Close scrutiny is necessary to detect the fact that *the whole figure is made of snow and ice*, while the tablet and pen are but pieces of an old cigar box. This curiosity is reported to have attracted a number of visitors.

J. M. Vansyckle.

The following from the San Joaquin *Republican*, in relation to the above named gentleman, we heartily indorse, knowing every word of it to be true and well deserved; and we are glad to see an upright and faithful employee receive such a substantial mark of approbation from those for whom he has been acting. As in Stockton, so will Vansyckle attract around him an host of warm friends in San Francisco, who will always feel proud to be recognized as such:

By reference to a notice in another column of this paper, it will be seen that important changes have taken place in the banking and express establishment of Wells, Fargo & Co. Samuel Knight, Esq., late Superintendent for California, has taken the place of W. B. Rochester, as agent in Sacramento; J. M. Vansyckle, agent at Stockton, has taken Mr. Knight's place as Superintendent of the express department and traveling agent of the State; W. H. Simmons, late agent at Sonora, will take charge of the Stockton office, and D. N. Kenfield, late messenger between San Francisco and Stockton, has charge of the business at Sonora.

Mr. Vansyckle is the oldest agent of the house of Wells, Fargo & Co. now on the Pacific coast, having been in their employ ever since they commenced business in California, and has proved himself at all times an excellent officer, a good citizen, and every way worthy of every trust reposed in him. He was one of the few who, when the financial storm swept the State two years ago, stood by the people; and, instead of closing his doors against depositors, kept open and paid to the last dollar, showing that he was a part and parcel of the community, as well as the agent of a banking house. He also took a leading part in the affairs of the city of Stockton for several years, and was one of the commissioners who funded the city debt and brought it to the present proud position—a *cash* basis. He is also author of the ordinances which govern the city at the present time, as well as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

While we are loth to lose so good a citizen, we are rejoiced that he has been promoted to a position both lucrative and responsible. And, as his duties will call him to all parts of the State, we are assured that he will give his friends here frequent calls.

A Paris Opera.

A Paris letter-writer records quite piquantly his observation behind the scenes at the opera, between the acts of a new ballet:

Arriving at the top of the staircase, you find yourself at once among the side scenes, coils of rope, machinists, prompters, and opera girls. The latter swarm in this locality during the performance, leaving the great room in the further extremity, devoted expressly to their use, for the loafing place near the front; here they receive their friends. Ordinarily, it is nothing extraordinary, I know, the sight presented behind the scenes, but upon this evening there were among the visitors one or two distinguished personages—though, for that matter, the crowd is always distinguished—a circumstance which has led me to remark particularly the occasion.

Leaning against a huge canvas rock, who should I see in all his glory but the Marshal Duke Pellissier, talking with M'lle Legram, a young lady of no great personal beauty, but of miraculous dancing powers. The Marshal was smiling like a basket of chips, and so was Mademoiselle. In a moment he was surrounded by a host of coryfees, brought up in gallant array by his brother-in-arms, Canrobert, who seemed to know and be loved by the whole of the divinity in tights. The duke attracted the most flattering attention. Undoubtedly he found his reception by the world this side of the *rampe* more gratifying than that of the other, and he let himself completely out in the enjoyment of the chatterir g and buzzing going on about him.

The sight all around, for a moment or two, was most singular. Here a knot of dancing girls, with shawls thrown over their shoulders, conversed together, sipping eau sucree, cold bouillon, or Madeira wine and water, given them by attending mothers or bonnes, who, clothed in musty habiliments, waited patiently in the back ground, ready to be of any service to their children or mistresses. In fours, at each of the three back wings, stood the elves, who were ready to perform the aerial parts; some were already attached by the shoulders and waists to the long wires descending from away up high, from the men on the *ponts*, which were instrumental in their flights; others were submitting to the arrangement, and donning the "airy harness," by the aid of busy, active little fellows employed by the theatre. About them were twos and threes of young men, talking and laughing, and giving bon-bons, and having a very jolly time with the stationary angels. The ladies were everywhere pointing their feet, raising their limbs on a level, poising on their toes, munching sugar plums, and maintaining all the time a chatter, chatter, chatter, which drew a repeated "shish!" from the stage inspectors, who were lounging indiscriminately about

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.—The Cincinnati *Commercial* relates a New Year's affair in that place somewhat ludicrous, but presenting a married man in a light decidedly subservive of morals and accepted decency. The person in question purchased some dainty bits of *bijouterie*, sparkling with pearls and emeralds, directing the jeweller to send them to a young lady who was not his wife. Visiting the lady whom he supposed had received them, he was dismayed to learn that they had not reached her. He proceeded to the jewellers, but the store was closed, and he was compelled to linger in suspense. Going to his own home his wife more than usually thanked him for the beautiful gift he had sent.—The matter was explained. The gentleman and his residence were known to the jeweller, who did not read, but had mislead the direction where the casket was to be sent, when supposing it all right, he had forwarded them to his residence, where the lady naturally received them as a New Year's present intended for herself, but who, being of a very jealous temperament, had she been aware of the facts of the case, would have treated her *chere ami* to a regular old fashioned raking down as a commencement of the new year. After fully understanding how matters were, he gave a prolonged whistle. "It was devilish lucky," soliloquised he, "that I didn't send a note also with them.

....A perfectly white deer was shot in the northern part of Ohio a few days since.

Extraordinary Romance.

During the investigation of the criminal charges at the Birmingham Police Office, a young man was lying sleeping upon one of the benches in a corner. His appearance exhibited great want, and his boots and trousers up to his knees were covered with dry mud. He was of very handsome appearance, though the sunken cheeks and prominent eyes betokened a long fasting. He wore a slight moustache and a beard of a fair color, and his clothes were of the best texture and make. At the close of the public business he stepped forward, and sought relief of the presiding magistrate. His tale was a romance. He said he was an American by birth, but had left that country more than five year to travel in various countries—amongst others Africa, Turkey, France, &c. He desired to get to Liverpool, where he knew the American Consul, and several captains of the Collins line of steamers, and he could rely upon the aid of those gentlemen to transport him to his home. He also said he was a gentleman by birth and education, and that he was the American Vice Consul at Marseilles for ten months. In reply to various questions, he stated that he had been robbed of £200 in a cafe at Paris, where he had been staying. He left London without sufficient means to pay his fare to Liverpool, and intended to foot it, but found that the little money he had was gone too quick. The magistrate then ordered a constable to show the man to the parish officers, and ask them to relieve him if they could. The papers in his possession bore many foreign post-marks, and some of them were addressed, in fine writing, to "E. H. Estmanville, Esq., American Vice-Consul, Marseilles." On Thursday night the poor fellow had applied for shelter at the Central Police Station, but was also there told they could do nothing for him. He afterwards walked about some hours, and ultimately slept in a tub in a yard in New Street, till the cold and wet drove him to walk again. At the parish offices he got no relief—the law not allowing the distribution of money for the purpose for which the American sought it, namely: to forward him to Liverpool. The relieving officer on duty offered him a note for the work-house, but that he refused, expressing his determination to die on the road first, and so left the offices.

A son of Thomas Hood, the humorist, has just appeared in London as author. The following is a specimen of his quality:

THE MOTH AND THE CANDLE.—There he stood, though all the guests had departed! The candles burned brightly, and the plates and dishes, and silver ornaments on the table smiled to see him there. And the trifle said to the tipsy cake: "What can he be idling away his time in that way for?" The tipsy cake said: "I'b sure I dunno—brabs es-drunk." And the champagne bottles held themselves very upright, and the decanters said never a word, for they had stoppers in their mouths. But the ices said: "It's very cool of him to stand like that when we are all waiting for him to go." For they intended to have a *soiree* when everybody had left. But the young man did not hear them. He was thinking of the cruelty of her he loved. Long had he worshipped her at a distance, for she was rich and noble, while he was but a poor poet who wrote in her praise; and sometimes she had deigned to smile kindly and speak sweetly to him. That night he had met with her; he had told her his love, and had met with scorn and slighting. There he stood, watching the door through which she had gone He heard not the voices of the last departing guests. Presently he turned his eyes to the tall candle that stood proudly in the centre of the table. Oh! that candle was proud; it had a gold fringe, and it stood in a silver candlestick, and it said: "I am not tallow, not grease, not a part of over-fed animals. No; not even a composition candle—not of a mixed, degenerate race. I am a flower!" It forgot that since it had formed part of a flower, the bees had changed its nature, and men had altered its appearance. So it stood up and thought it was a rose; and the prouder it grew, the faster it burnt. But while the poet was watching it, a little plain brown moth came flying out of the conservatory which opened into the room, and circled about the table. It stopped to admire a silver spoon, but the candle was jealous. "What! shall that insignificant little brown thing admire that spoon more than me?" So it burnt brighter. The little moth flew towards it; it circled about it, and fanned the flame with its wings. The candle said never a word, but it burnt brighter still. And the little moth flew into the flame. "I never gave you any encouragement," as the little moth fell scorched and dying on the table. "Such is my fate!" murmured the young man, as he rushed from the room. But the plates and forks and glasses did not laugh now. There was no festivity in the supper room among them that night. And the candle burnt down into its socket.

GULLIBILITY.—The last hoax of the season is one which some farceur has just played off upon the Pays newspaper. That journal gravely publishes a letter, from the South of France, recounting how a young musician of wonderful power, had just arrived from the United States. Somehow, the United States always figures in tales of the "extraordinary." The "instrument" upon which this genius played, according to the Pays correspondent, was a cage of ducks, of various sizes and description. An electric wire was attached to each gosling, and the music was produced by a battery, operated upon in such a manner as to make the ducks quack forth the notes! It closed with the announcement that, on the previous night the ducks had broken out of their cage, attacked their eccentric proprietor in his bed and eaten him up alive! This ridiculous story is now going the rounds of the French press. It certainly beats the railroads and revolvers in the Georgia affair quite hollow.

FINE WORKMANSHIP.—We were shown on Saturday, the model of a hook and ladder "truck," the workmanship of Mr. Cassad, of this city. It is a miniature arrangement, but contains everything pertaining to such an apparatus, in the most complete and perfect order. The whole thing, carriage, hooks, ladders, pailes, ropes and all, weighs less than two pounds. The most remarkable feature about this specimen of ingenuity is, that no other tool than a small sized pen-knife was used in its accomplishment. We understand the Salamanders have procured the "truck," and will place it in their Hall. It bears the marks of extraordinary skill.—*Marysville Inquirer.*

"Fire in the Mountains."

The Sierra *Citizen* says: The numerous cases of fire which we see reported as occurring in various parts of the mountains from stovepipes and defective flues, invariably call our attention to the risks which our own citizens daily run from the same prolific cause. Previous immunity from the fate of nearly every town in the mines of California, which has rendered our people secure, surely will not forever exempt our town from the ravages of the destroyer; and, while our people rest easy and unconcerned in their fancied security, the fire demon may come, like the thief in the night, and Downieville will share the fate of Nevada, Placerville, Georgetown, Diamond Springs, and a host of other places similarly situated. Let a fire get under headway, our town, with its frame buildings and canvas compartments—and, above all, its narrow streets—has no chance for escape, but must inevitably be wiped out. Let every precaution, then, be taken to guard against this threatening evil. Let every place where fire is kept be closely watched and guarded; every precaution should be taken against actions of this kind.

With small expense, in comparison with the value of this provision, our town could be effectually guarded from the ravages of fire. It would be an easy matter to conduct water over the town, as is the case with the neighboring village of San Juan, which is effectively rendered fire-proof by the number of flumes that convey water over the tops of the houses—the attachment of hose to which forms the most effective engine that could be brought into play.

A letter from our old friend, Milt. Vansyckle, President of the Pandolphins—former President of the "Bloody Five's" of the Queen City of the West—present President of the Pandolphins of Stockton, as well as late President of the "Sardines"—we beg pardon—the *Common* Council of that city—in a recent letter from Portland, Oregon, where he had gone on business, published in the San Francisco *Fireman's Journal*, refers to a wise provision made by the Council of that place to guard against fire. The buildings consisting almost exclusively of frames, the city government has passed an ordinance requiring every house where fire is used to have flues constructed of brick. Such a provision proves an additional safeguard, and materially lessens the danger, as in nearly every instance the origin of the disastrous fires which have devastated the country, has been traced to stovepipes and defective flues

Judging from the sparks which we see emitted from the fire places of many dwellings in our midst, we are inclined to think that the town is as much indebted to the snows and rains of the present season for its exemption from danger, as any other source.

The Snake and the Crocodile.

The following thrilling account of an engagement between a boa-constrictor and a crocodile in Java, is given by an eye-witness:

It was one morning that I stood beside a small lake fed by one of the rills from the mountains. The waters were clear as crystal, and everything could be seen to the very bottom. Stretching its limbs close over this pond, was a gigantic teak-tree, and in its thick, shining evergreen leaves lay a huge boa, in an easy coil, taking his morning nap. Above him was a powerful ape, of the baboon species, a leering race of scamps, always bent on mischief. Now, the ape, from his position, saw a crocodile in the water, rising to the top exactly beneath the coil of the serpent. Quick as thought, the ape jumped plump upon the snake, which fell with a splash into the jaws of the crocodile. The ape saved himself by clinging to the limb of a tree, but a battle royal immediate y commenced in the water. The serpent, grasped in the middle by the crocodile, made the waters boil by his furious contortions. Winding his fold round the body of his antagonist, he disabled his two hinder legs, and by his contractions made the scales and bones of the monster crack. The water was speedily tinged with the blood of both combatants, yet neither was disposed to yield. They rolled over and over, neither being able to obtain a decided advantage.

All this time the cause of mischief was in a state of the highest ecstacy. He leaped up and down the branches of the tree, came several times close to the scene of the fight, shook the limbs of the tree, uttered a yell, and again frisked about. At the end of ten minutes a silence began to come over the scene. The folds of the serpent began to be relaxed; and, though they were trembling along the back, the head hung lifeless in the water. The crocodile also was still, and though only the spines of his back were visible, it was evident that he too was dead. The monkey now perched himself on the lower limb of the tree, close to the dead bodies, and amused himself for ten minutes in making all sorts of faces at them. This seemed to be adding insult to injury. One of my companions was standing at a short distance, and taking a stone from the edge of the lake, hurled it at the ape. He was totally unprepared, and as it struck him on the side of the head, he was instantly tipped over, and fell upon the crocodile. A few bounds, however, brought him ashore, and taking to the tree he speedily disappeared among the thick branches.

AN OWEN-TRUE TALE.—The New York *News* tells us of a romance in real life that a good hand might fix up into a novel. Miss Costar, a young and (of course) beautiful heiress, of that city—worth $70,000 in her own right—fixed her warm and tender affections upon a good looking young rake of the name of Livingston Of course Livingston didn't reciprocate—else there would have been no romance in the affair at all. As the Dutchman apologised for Joseph, "perhaps he had promised to go mit another woman." Like a true heroine, the disconsolate fair one determined that if she couldn't have the fellow she wanted, she would not have any one nor anything—that she wouldn't—and so she entered the convent of the Sisters of Mercy, and declared her intention of renouncing forever the pomps and vanities of the wicked world. For more than a year, in the gloom of the cloister, she mourned her blighted hopes, and allowed "concealment, like a worm in the bud, to feed on her damask cheek." But alas! at the end of that time, she violated all the romantic proprieties; for, a few weeks since, she returned to her friends—threw aside the veil—broke off her match with Heaven—and took to diamonds and crinoline again. Whether Mr. Livingston has become more tractable, or the lady didn't like the board, does not appear from the veritable chronicle.

The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, - - - - - - - Editor

SAN FRANCISCO

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 1857

MASS MEETING

OF THE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Members of the Fire Department of this City are requested to meet at

DUNCAN'S SALES ROOM,

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 14,

AT 7½ O'CLOCK,

On matters of importance connected with the Fire Department, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Board of Delegates, Friday evening, 13th inst. FLORENCE MAHONEY,

President Fire Department.

JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary S. F. F. D.

To Correspondendents.

L., MARYSVILLE—There is no such book as you require in the country. A company, membership, and fire register, ordered from New York, will cost you about $50; laid down here, it will last a life time. Should you conclude to order, write Geo. A. Van Bokkelen, 26 Liberty street, New York. He will be happy to oblige you in the matter.

Response from Marysville.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Marysville Fire Department,
March 10th, 1857.

To M. D. BORUCK—*Dear Sir:* At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Marysville Fire Department held at the City Hall this evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and is hereby instructed, to subscribe for one copy of the *Fireman's Journal*, from January 1st, 1857, and that paper be recognized as the organ of this department, said paper to be placed on file for future reference. I remain, with great consideration,

Yours, &c.,
CHARLES F. KIMBALL,
Secretary Marysville Fire Department.

To the Members of the Senate and Assembly.

In another column may be found the law adopted by the Board of Delegates of the San Francisco Fire Department on January 24th, 1857. It is perfect in all its details, is the same under which the Department has been acting for the last four years, and is precisely what the members individually desire. It was adopted by the Representatives of the Fire Department in the Board of Delegates with great unanimity, and a resolution adopted that its passage be secured if possible in its present shape. The firemen look to the Legislature for its passage so they may have a permanent law to govern them. No Department in the world has progressed so smoothly as the San Francisco Fire Department has, for the last three years, particularly, governed as it has been by a law the provisions of which are (with the exception of section 10) the same as that passed April 30, 1855. It remains for the Senate and Assembly by their action, to determine whether the Fire Department of San Francisco is to remain a fixed institution of the commonwealth it has so long served, or whether it is to be disorganized by hasty and ill-advised legislation, on the part of those who have ulterior objects to accomplish. We trust the Legislature will consider the provisions of the law to govern this Fire Department on their own merits, and not in connection with the bearing they may have on other measures which may come before their respective houses. The law which the Department asks the Legislature to adopt, is entirely local in its character, calls for no appropriation, demands none; is simply for the internal management of the organization over which the city authorities should have no control. Messrs. Whitney, Jones and Buckingham appointed by the Board of Delegates to secure the passage of the law, are the *true* representatives of the firemen of this city. They have every confidence in their integrity and faithfulness, and whatever views and opinions they may advance or express in relation to the government of the Department, may be relied upon as those of the organization represented by them.

The Important Issue.

Below will be found a series of resolutions adopted by the Board of Delegates at a special meeting last evening. The late hour at which we receive them precludes any extended remarks on our part. Suffice it to say we *endorse them heart and soul*, and fervently hope they may accomplish the object sought for. It will be observed that the sixth resolution calls for a mass meeting of the Fire Department, at Duncan's sales room this evening. Let there be such a gathering of honest men and true hearts, as will convince the recreant delegation that *misrepresent* San Francisco, in the Legislature, "that we know our rights, and knowing, dare maintain them:"

Whereas, The Fire Department of the City of San Francisco is a voluntary organization so far as the members thereof are concerned; and whereas, the Department through its Board of Delegates, has prepared a draft of a law to be submitted to the Legislature for the better government and regulation of said Department; and whereas, said law having met with determined and violent opposition from those who should have been its supporters at Sacramento, viz: the entire legislative delegation from San Francisco, save the Hon. Wm. J. Shaw; and whereas, we deem the immediate passage of said law without material alteration, of *vital* consequence to the very existence of this Department. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board, in the name and in behalf of this Fire Department, do most earnestly and respectfully protest against the suicidal and unwarranted action of our Legislative Delegation, in relation to their opposition to our just demands.

Resolved, That we, as the representatives of the Fire Department of this city, do protest that the proposed bill as recommended by our Legislative delegation, is unjust and oppressive, and calculated to render this Department totally inoperative and inefficient.

Resolved, That this Board feel it imperatively incumbent on them to respectfully represent to the Legislature, that we have maturely considered and deliberated upon the necessary wants of this Fire Department, and that after long consideration we have embodied these wants in the bill offered by the Hon. J. W. Coffroth, of Tuolumne.

Resolved, That we do hereby most respectfully and urgently beg and entreat the Legislature to pass the bill as offered in the Senate by the Hon J. W. Coffroth, regardless of any opposition of our local delegation—and that we greatly fear the passage of any such bill as proposed by our delegation will utterly disband and annihilate this Department.

Resolved, That we respectively call upon the citizens of San Francisco, whose property we have so long protected, to aid and sustain us in these, our just demands.

Resolved, That in order to have a free expression of the sentiments of the firemen at large composing this Department, the President of this Board do call a Mass Meeting of Firemen, to be held this evening at 7½ o'clock, at Duncan's Sales Room.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, properly attested by our President and Secretary, be forwarded forthwith to our Committee at Sacramento. FLORENCE MAHONY,

President.

JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary S. F. F. D.

Board of Delegates.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates was held at their chambers, City Hall, on Wednesday evening, March 11, 1857.

President F. Mahony in the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. McCarthy, Cotter, Babcock, Smith, Rand, Lees, Tompkins, Spear, Sinton, Silverthorn, Moore, Chapin, Short, Gough, Biden, Johnson, Buckley, Tennent, Whalen, Williams, Carroll, Berry, Ezekiel, Cobb, Mitchell, Law.

Absent—Ottignon, Buckingham, Messerve, Thomas, Doyle, Jones.

Mr. Harrison was admitted as a Delegate from Young America Engine Company No. 13, *vice* L. Wintringer, resigned.

Minutes of regular meeting of February 11th, and adjourned stated meeting of February 25, 1857, read and approved.

On motion, Messrs. Sinton and Moore were excused for being absent the previous meetings.

Report of Committees.

Judiciary—no report.

Finance—no report.

Committee on Rules—no report.

Committee on Desks—report progress.

Committee on Department Plate.—Mr. Moore, Chairman, stated that the Committee had attended to the duties assigned them, and had written to the Committee in New York with instructions to draw on the Committee; here for expenses, &c., and moved they be discharged.

After some debate on the above,

Mr. Cobb moved that the Committee have further time. Adopted.

Committee to Sacramento city—no report.

The chair then appointed the following gentlemen a Committee on Monument, in accordance with the resolution offered by Mr. Cobb at the previous meeting:

H. A. Cobb, of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, E. P. Buckley, of Columbian Engine Company No. 11, W. H. Silverthorn, of Monumental Engine Company No. 6.

Mr. McCarthy moved that the matter in relation to the register be taken from the table. Adopted.

Mr. McCarthy moved that the whole subject be referred back to the Committee, with power to act.

Mr. Lees called for the question on the resolution offered by him at the previous meeting, selecting Mr. Buckingham to write up the register.

Mr. Rand offered an amendment to Mr. Lees' resolution, that Mr. Ezekiel's name be inserted in place of Mr. Buckingham.

Mr. Cobb moved to substitute "that the Secretary be authorized to write up the register.

Mr. Lees asked leave to withdraw his resolution, which, on motion, was granted.

Mr. Cobb withdrew the substitute offered by him, when Mr. Spear offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary, under the supervision of a Committee, be authorized to write up the Department Register, and his compensation shall be fixed by the Board.

Mr. Moore moved that a Committee of Three be appointed to supervise the writing up of the register. Lost.

Mr. Ezekiel offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secreteries of the various companies of the Fire Department be, and they are hereby ordered, to furnish the Secretary of the Fire Department such information regarding the rolls of their respective companies from the date of their organization until the present time, as may be by him required.

The resolution of Mr. Lees, to grant R. B. Gardner a new diploma certificate, in lieu of one damaged, was, on motion, taken from the table.

Mr. Sinton moved that the Secretary be instructed to issue a diploma certificate to R. B. Gardner, upon the surrender of the old one.

After some debate the above was adopted.

Mr. Cobb then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That twenty days' leave of absence, from this date, be granted the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, to enable him to attend to the interest of this Department at Sacramento.

Mr. Ezekiel offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to J. B. Little, through this Board, in behalf of the Fire Department, for his liberality in furnishing medicines to the members of the Department gratuitously when called upon, and the Secretary be instructed to transmit same to Dr. Little.

Mr. Cotter moved that the Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the former resolution, passed by this Board in relation to the same; adopted.

Mr. Smith offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That P. Rodgers be furnished with a certificate of membership, by returning his original certificate to this Board.

Mr. Whalen offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be instructed to issue new certificates to all those returned damaged, upon the delivery of the old ones.

Mr. Biden offered as an amendment to the above the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That whenever the diploma certificate of a member of the Department shall have been injured, destroyed, or lost, he shall, on presenting before the Board satisfactory evidence, and the payment of the sum of $2 50, receive a duplicate certificate

Mr. Cobb called for the reading of the resolution offered by him at the previous meeting, relative to Committee on Monument.

Mr. Biden moved that the case of Mr. Toplitz be taken from the table.

The chair stated that the case had been called, and no response made, and it was now out of order.

Mr. Sinton moved that the rules be suspended, and the case of Mr. Toplitz be taken up; adopted.

Mr. Biden moved that the Board rescind the order reinstating Mr. Toplitz on the roll of Crescent No. 10.

The chair decided the above out of order.

Mr. Biden cited authorities to sustain his motion, and appealed from the decision of the chair.

Mr. Rand moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed which, on a division vote, was lost.

Ayes 12—nays 13.

The question then being put, shall the decision of the chair be sustained, resulted on a division vote, as follows:

Ayes 18—nays 6.

So the decision of the chair was sustained.

Mr. Ezekiel offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to purchase paper, pens, and ink for the use of this Board.

Communications from Engine Companies Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, and H. and L. 3, received, read, and ordered on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

The Sacramento Fire Department.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

[Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Seven, by CHARLES M. CHASE and MARCUS D. BORUCK, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the Northern District of the State of California.]

No. 2.

During the early organization of the Department, suggestions, anomalous and extravagant, whereby its efficiency and prosperity might be enhanced, and improvements in fire apparatus, and wonderful additions thereto, were also proposed; indeed, so ridiculous and absurd were the suggestions often made, that the originator thereof was made the *butt* of those who were really firemen, and the laughing stock of citizens generally. We have been led to these remarks from the fact that the sum of $68 25 was expended for one of the most unique fire apparatus ever manufactured or designed to be used for the preservation of the lives of citizens and their property. This *rara avis* was made about the 1st of August, 1851, at the suggestion of one Capt. Bayley, and by him christened a "grapple," or "grappling," and was designed to be used as a "monster demolisher of buildings.

It was made of iron, and weighed just ninety-one pounds, and was to be thrown, when occasion demanded, from the hands of some herculean member of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1—it being one of the implements used by that company—on the roof or into the window of a frame building, and the projectile force being sufficient to entangle some one or more of its prongs or hooks in the building, the house would be easily razed to the earth by the well directed efforts of those having hold of the rope to which the gigantic destroyer was attached. On the first occasion, when the "Grapple" was called into requisition, it was ascertained from actual experiment that it demanded the utmost strength of two of the "Mutuals" to carry it, and two additional men were required to aid in ascending a ladder, in order to make it fast at the point desired.

This "fire apparatus," we believe was never attempted to be used but once or twice, and, in common with the city, perished in the great conflagration of 1852; at least it only remained as a monument of the ignorance and stupidity of the originator.

In the month of August, '51, the first serious fire under the organization occurred in the block bounded by Sixth and Seventh and J and K streets, and consumed half of the block. Its progress was arrested by Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, at the corner of the alley and Sixth street, by tearing down two frame buildings located at that point. The Department was under the direction of Robert M. Folger, First Assistant Engineer—the Chief being absent at San Francisco.

Some time in the month of September of the same year, the first large fire occurred on Second street, between I and J, burning the old Tehama Theatre, Common Council chamber ("Palace"), and other small buildings adjoining on the east side of the street. The fire crossed over and destroyed a large two-story frame building belonging to Col. J. C. Zabriskie, and one owned by Maj. Murray Morrison, and other small frame houses. The fire was stopped by the well directed efforts of Mutual Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, under the direction of Robert M. Folger and W. H. Eakins, Assistant Engineers. A line of engines was formed in the following order: Engine 3 took suction from the river at the foot of J street, passed her water to No. 1, and 1 to Engine 2, which latter company being eligibly located, prevented the fire from extending east along J street, and also from crossing the alley into Lee's Exchange," although the engines were principally manned by inexperienced men, still they did not cease their efforts for about two hours, and the universal remark was, "the engines have paid for themselves several fold."

On the 23d of September the officers of the Department and the several companies tendered a benefit to Mr. James Stark and lady, and on the 24th the benefit took place at Pacific Theatre, on M street. Several of the companies were present in uniform.

A short time after this the Chief Engineer sent a communication to the Common Council recommending the purchase of two new engines, which was referred to the Fire and Water Committee, who reported in favor of the recommendation of the Chief, and the report was adopted by the Board, and the Mayor authorized to superintend the building of the same. A difference of opinion here arose as to who should superintend the building of these engines, and Mr. Arents, as Chief, not being consulted in the matter, as was his right, objected to the selection made by the Council, of which no notice was taken by that body; consequently, feeling aggrieved by their acts, he sent in his resignation on the 1st of October, 1851, which was accepted; and at the election held on the 5th of November, David McDowell was elected Chief, and J. B. Blanchard Assistant Engineer, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Robert M. Folger, which took effect on that date.

While the firemen were balloting for Engineers, a fire broke out at the Horse Market, corner of Sixth and K streets, and threatened to do great damage, but by the well directed efforts of the companies under the direction of Robert M. Folger, acting Chief, the flames were soon checked.

On the 1st of June, 1852, Charles W. Cock, of Engine 2, was elected Second Assistant Engineer, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of W. H. Eakins. This Board of Engineers continued in office until the 2d of August, 1852—the Common Council, in the meantime, having amended the Fire Ordinance, so as to elect Engineers on that date, instead of the 1st of June; and on the 3d of August the Fire Association was incorporated, by which a Board of Delegates and a Board of Trustees were created.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
City and County of Sacramento.
August 3, 1852.

The Fire Association of the city of Sacramento is hereby declared incorporated, under the Act of Legislative Assembly of the State, entitled "An Act concerning Corporations," passed April 22d, 1850. And in conformity with the provision of Chapter 8 of said Act, I hereby certify that Volney Spalding, John Requa, Joseph H. Nevett, Hiram Arents, and L. E. Burkmar have been duly elected Trustees thereof, under the name and style of the Trustees of the Fire Association of the city of Sacramento, with perpetual succession.

Given under my hand, as President of the Fire Association of this city, on the day aforesaid.

ROBERT M. FOLGER,
President.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
County of Sacramento,

On this 4th day of August, A. D. 1852, before me, Charles C. Sackett, a Notary Public within the aforesaid county, personally appeared Robert M. Folger, to me known as the President of said Association, and as the person described in, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument freely and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal, on the day and year aforesaid. CHARLES C. SACKETT,

[L. S.] Notary Public.

On the 2d of August, under the foregoing act, Robert M. Folger, of Engine Company No. 2, was elected Chief Engineer, and on the evening of the 3d, being the first meeting of the Board of Delegates (Robert M. Folger, ex officio President, presiding), Charles C. Sackett, of Engine Company No. 3, was elected First Assistant Engineer, *vice* J. B. Blanchard, resigned; Samuel Colville, Secretary, *vice* L. F. Read, resigned (who was the first Secretary of the Department); D. O. Mills, Treasurer, and Volney Spalding, Trustee at Large. The following are the names of the members of the first Board of Delegates of Sacramento Fire Association, viz: W. B. Hunt, James Lansing, and H. C. Urner, of Company No. 1; Wm. Arents, D. M. Ford, and J. F. Clantman, of Company No. 2; George B. Gammons, J. A. Lord, and J. H. Cooper, of Company No. 3, Volney Spalding, E. J. Barrell, and James Haworth, of Hook and Ladder Company No 1.

On the 9th of August of the same year, it being the occasion of the marriage of Dr. Carpenter, the sum of $500 was donated to the Department by that gentleman, and the entire amount most foolishly squandered in the painting of a banner for the Department. We cannot call it a painting, but rather a species of *daubing* seldom equalled by the most inexperienced amateur.

In the same month the entire Fire Department paraded, in honor of the death of Henry Clay—the news of his death having reached this State a few days previous.

On the 4th of the same month the Board of Trustees held their first meeting in the hall of Engine Company No. 2, and organized by electing John Requa, of Engine Company No. 2, President.

On the 14th of September, 1852, Alert Hook and Ladder Company No. 2 was organized—Thomas W. Noyes, J. F. Clantman, and J. L. Pohemus, Delegates, and W. B. H. Dodson, Trustee.

The principal and only important move made by the Board of Trustees during the latter part of the summer and winter of 1852 and the spring of of 1853, was the building a powder magazine. This building is located on the corner of F and Sixteenth streets, and cost the Department about $2,300. The lot on which the house stands was purchased for $300, of Col. J. F. Hall, who kindly donated to the Association $150 of the purchase money. When this was erected it promised to be a fruitful source of revenue to the funds of the Association; and on account of the strong opposition to the location, and the stringent ordinance passed by the Common Council regulating the storage of gunpowder, almost every dealer therein, after the first month's storage, withdrew their powder from the magazine, and either stealthily stored it in their own or other's houses, or on board of vessels on the Yolo side of the river.

Thus matters stood—the magazine being a dead letter until the summer of 1855, when it was let for the small sum of $15 per month.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

DANGEROUS BUILDING.—Our attention has been called to a very dangerous building which is being erected on Washington street, nearly opposite Dunbar's alley. A huge wooden beam has been placed across the front, which rests upon the side walls at the termination of the first story. In this beam rafters are placed, and upon the top of it two stories of brick have been built. Should a fire occur on the second floor of the building, the rafters would of course burn into this beam, and the whole front would tumble out, crushing all unfortunate enough to be beneath it. Under the present law, defining the Fire Warden's duties they are powerless to act, and all that can be done is to notify the members of the Fire Department of the danger that in case of fire they must not approach the "man-trap."

Can a more powerful argument than the above be urged in favor of the passage of the law matured by the Board of Delegates, and now in the hands of the committee in Sacramento, who are urging its passage? In that bill ample provision is made for the appointment of a Fire Coroner (in the person of the Chief Engineer), whose duty it is to overlook the erection of brick buildings, and see that they are put up in a safe and workmanlike manner; and, in the event of their not being so built, to issue process and compel a suspension of the work until a proper examination is made. He is also to investigate the cause of all fires, and prosecute all parties who have caused the same through neglect, wilfulness, or otherwise. Should this law pass by the end of the year we would hear no more of insecure buildings, and firemen would be able to do their duty without the fear of being crushed by the falling of the mere shells so frequently erected in the city.

IN THE SENATE.—The bill passed by the Board of Delegates for the government of the Fire Department, was presented in the Senate on Thursday, by Mr. Coffroth. In some eloquent remarks, Mr. C. asked that the usual number (240) copies of the bill be printed, and that it be referred to the San Francisco delegation, to report back on Tuesday next. Mr. Woodworth wished to amend by making it Thursday, which was negatived by a large majority. The bill has passed its second reading, and will come up for final passage on the above day.

TRIAL OF THE BRANNAN ENGINE.—The engine belonging to the Brannan Association was on Tuesday afternoon publicly tried on the corner of Montgomery and California streets, with the following result:

	Feet.	In.
2½ inch butt, 300 feet of hose	25	2
Open butt, 200 feet of hose	33	6
Open butt, 100 feet of hose	37	0
1½ inch nozzle, 300 feet hose	133	0
" " 200 "	164	0
" " 100 "	166	6
2 streams, 100 feet hose, 1½ inch nozzle	107	3
" " " " 1½ "	113	3

Two streams were thrown fifty feet higher than the Pacific Express building.

Messrs. Bovee, of No. 9 and O'Brien of No. 4 were we believe the judges. The day was very calm and everything favorable for a fair trial. It is but just to say that the association claim that the engine is not yet in good working order, and they are confident that she will do much better after a short time.

We append the result of a recent trial of No. 9, the only one that has taken place lately. The curious can compare the distances, and form some estimate of the powers of the new engine:

	Feet.	In.
Open butt, 50 feet hose	57	10
1½ inch pipe, 150 feet hose	127	9
1½ " 100 "	187	3
1 " two streams 30 feet above Pacific Express building.		

THANKS.—We are again under obligations to Mr. J. Ezekiel, Secretary of the Board of Delegates for courtesies extended us.

From our Regular Correspondent

SACRAMENTO, March 11th, 1857.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL: Believing that there are matters transpiring in the Sacramento Fire Department, from week to week of general, as well as special interest, and from my acquaintance with the members of the several companies and citizens generally, I have thought proper to inform your subscribers thereof; and if this is acceptable to you, may again, at some future time, make myself heard through the columns of your valuable journal.

It will be remembered that some three months since Engine Co. No. 6, applied to the Common Council for a first-class engine, setting forth in their petition that they had purchased a lot and would in the event of the favorable consideration of the Council, erect thereon a brick house for its reception. The fire and water committee from the novelty and unreasonableness of this proposition reported adversely, but stated in their report that, if said company would purchase a lot and deed the same to the city, then the Common Council would give them a house and an engine. This action of the Council was generally approved, and even some of the members of "Young America" coincided with the opinions of the fire and water committee. I did not believe, nor do I now, that a majority of the *active* members of that company endorsed the proposition. That report came from the *hands* of the chairman, but was in the hand-writing of Ald. Dodson, consequently he must have been its author. (*Query:* Did the chairman of the fire and water committee, know anything about the report or its contents previous to its presentation to that gentleman for signature?)

I now come to the second act of my play, because, I think there has been "right smart" of *child's* play in this matter of No. 6. After the fire and water committee had reported upon the first application of No. 6, rejecting the proposition and setting forth what would be required of that company in order to get a house and apparatus, and when the company having complied with the requisition of the Council, why did not the fire and water committee report at once in favor of purchasing a first-class engine for that company? Ald. Shaw, the chairman of the committee, whose duty it was to take the lead in the matter, and submit a report, continued to postpone action thereon, from week to week, until "forbearance had ceased to be a virtue," and the company said to him, "give us a report, either for or against, and we will abide by the result." I do not by placing on the chairman of the committee the onus of a report, wish to exculpate the other two members of the committee from complicity in the matter. It is a well known fact that Ald. Dodson has had it in his power to grant the request of this company; at least, it is well understood that, if he had reported favorably upon the application, there were enough members who would have sustained him, to have secured the affirmative action of the Council.

(*Query:* Will the Alderman be a candidate for re-election, and if not, will he use his influence for the company? Had the action of the Delegates from that company at the time of his election as Secretary of the Department, something to do with his present movements?) I now come to speak of the last of the committee. I will here say, in justice to Ald. Hamilton, that he has in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Department, previous to this, acted and voted with the majority of the committee—and given his hearty approval thereto—but, in the *last act of my play* he has not stood exactly fair and square, but has shuffled the responsibility on the other two; this will not avail him now. He must *show his hand* at the next meeting of the Board and either say yea or nay to the report of the chairman of the committee.

(*Query:* Is not Mr. Hamilton a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for City Treasurer?)

The new house of the "Knickerbocker's" will be completed in a few days, and their machine housed therein, as soon as the side-walk and street shall have been filled in so that the company can pass to and from their house either North or South to the main streets.

A beautiful stone fence inclosing the "firemens' burial ground" has been completed at a cost of $595, and the grounds are now being beautified by evergreens and shrubbery of various kinds.

The semi-annual meeting of Alert Hook and Ladder Company No 2 was held on Monday evening last, and the following officers elected: Geo. W. Wallace, President, L. D. Kelly, Foreman, J. B. Blanchard, First Assistant, John Andrews, Second Assistant, E. B. Mott, Treasurer, and W. H. Blauvelt, Secretary.

The members of Protection Engine Company No. 2 are making an *extensive* improvement to their already excellent machine. I will give you full particulars in my next in connection with the result of the first trial after the improvement. I learn that, if she performs as is anticipated, the gauntlet will be thrown down, and any company in the State challenged to the combat. So we may expect fun ahead. Look out for your laurels, ye San Franciscans!

In perambulating around the city some two or three days since, I noticed that Neptune Hose Company was about being located permanently, or at least, until the city builds her a house, on Fifth street near I. I must acknowledge that I was somewhat surprised, from the fact that the conditions upon which she came into the Department were, that she should *not* be placed North of L. nor West of Fourth streets, &c., and now I find her as far north of L, instead of south as she can be placed. The Common Council adopted the resolution as it came from the Board of Delegates, and why it is that the Chief Engineer or the fire and water committee of the Common Council have located Neptune Hose at this place, and without authority too, I am at a loss to discover. I am of opinion that the "Neptunes" will be much more efficient and serviceably located where they are, than at any point in the limits laid down in the resolution by which they were admitted into the Department; and that the Common Council should have thoroughly canvassed this matter upon the recommendation of the Board, of Delegates of the Fire Department.

The application of "Mechanic Engine Company No. 7, is now in the hands of the Judiciary Committee of the Board of Delegates, and from the remarks that have been made, I am led to believe that an adverse report will be submitted at the next meeting of the Board. I hope the Board will not recommend the admission of another company into the Department at present, and in the event of any affirmative action by the Board, I trust that the company may be placed at some point east of Eighth and north of I streets. We do not really need another fire company at this time, and I think that if those gentlemen who compose Engine Company No. 7, are particularly desirous of doing fire duty, they can find room in almost any company in the city.

I have already, I trow, written enough, and will now "WAIT FOR THE WAGON."

OUR PAPER.—We now have nearly arrived at the third year of our publication. Our circulation reaches nearly every city and town where there are any fire organizations. In the southern counties we have had no agents, though some subscribers have, unsolicited, sent us their names and address. We are very anxious to extend our paper among the firemen of San Jose, Santa Clara, and the southern towns.

Mr. D. G. Waldron, who for a long time has been connected with the interests of our paper, has kindly volunteered to "take a trip" South, during the coming week, and we hope our brother firemen at San Jose and Santa Clara will "show him round" in the way of extending our circulation.

Fires and Alarms.

March 9—10 o'clock A. M.—Hall bell—Seventh District—smoke from distillery on Mission road—entire Department out.

March 10—3 o'clock P.M.—Alarm from Tiger's bell—cause unknown—portion of Department out.

GAS.—The chambers of the Board of Delegates were again lit by gas on Wednesday evening last, the gas company having connected the pipe with the main one on Merchant street. This is the only room in the City Hall at present lit by gas, and the expense is borne from the private funds of the Board.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.—The freedom of the press as defined by some editors, is to be allowed with impunity to assail private character, invade the sanctity of the family circle, injure faith, credit and business, blast reputation, slander the living and dead from pure malice and hate—to be denied such prerogatives as some think they are entitled to, is looked upon and characterized as "muzzling the press." We hope Senator Cosby's bill will pass the Legislature, and starve out those newspapers which live upon and fatten off slander and vituperation.

JACOBS.—During the past two weeks, Maguire's Opera House has been crowded with the beauty and fashion of the city to witness the performances of the Wizard Jacobs. This gentleman combines the mystic arts of the Necromancer, Ventriloquist, and Improvisatore, and performs his various feats with an address and skill truly admirable. We hope he may be induced to extend his engagement beyond this week for we are convinced there are great numbers still anxious to witness his wonders.

DR. BOURNE.—This gentleman, of the celebrated Water Cure Institution, corner of Commercial and Sansome streets, has, through his skill, found a speedy cure for those poisened with the poisen oak. He has lately affected a cure in the short space of one day, through the medium of his baths.

GENTLEMENS' CLOTHING.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Madame Plummer, in to-day's issue. Firemen who have damaged suits, and wish them renovated, will find her store No. 383 Dupont street.

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An Act to Regulate the Fire Department of the —— of San Francisco.

The people of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SEC. 1.—The Department shall consist of a Chief Engineer, three Assistant Engineers, a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Board of Delegates, and such companies as now compose the same, or as hereafter may be admitted thereto in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2.—There shall be an election held on the first Monday of December, A. D. 1857, for a Chief and three Assistant Engineers. The President shall call said election, giving ten days notice thereof, in at least two of the daily papers of the ——. The Board of Delegates shall appoint to conduct said election, three judges, each from a different company, who, together with their clerks, shall subscribe an oath or affirmation to faithfully discharge their duties—said Judges shall, for the purpose of said election, have power to administer oaths and affirmations; said election shall be held at such place as the Board of Delegates may appoint, from 9 o'clock A. M. until 5 o'clock P. M. The returns of said election, duly certified, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Department within five days thereafter, and be by him transmitted to the Board of Delegates, who shall convene within ten days thereafter, and declare the result. The person having the highest number of votes for the office of Chief Engineer shall be declared elected for the term of three years, or until his successor is elected and qualified. The person having the highest number of votes for Assistant Engineer, shall be declared first Assistant Engineer for the term of three years, or until his successor be elected and qualified. The person having the next highest number of votes shall be declared Second Assistant Engineer for the term of two years, or until his successor is elected and qualified. The person having the next highest number of votes shall be declared Third Assistant Engineer for the term of one year, or until his successor be elected and qualified. Contested elections for Chief and Assistant Engineers shall be decided by the Board of Delegates; and, should a tie vote occur for either of said offices, the Board shall, by a majority of its members, determine between all or the rank of the contesting parties.

SEC. 3.—The persons elected to succeed the said Chief and Assistant Engineers shall hold office for the term of three years, or until their successors be elected and qualified; provided that when a vacancy occurs in the office of First or second Assistant Engineer, the officer next below in rank shall succeed to the vacancy, and an election be held to fill the vacancy in the lower office or offices. All succeeding elections for Chief and Assistant Engineers shall be conducted as hereinbefore mentioned.

SEC. 4.—Eac hand every company shall, at its stated meeting in October, elect two of its members to the Board of Delegates, which Board shall consist of two representatives from each fire company who, before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation (to be administered by the President of the Fire Department), to well and truly perform the duties of Delegates, as prescribed in the laws governing the Department. They shall assemble on the second Wednesday of November, at 7½ o'clock P. M., in the room of the Board, and then and there organize by the election of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. They shall make laws for the government of the Fire Department, and all laws made by them shall be binding on every company, officer, or member of the Department; and any company, officer, or member who shall violate any of the said laws or any of the provisions of this act, or who shall refuse to obey the lawful orders of the Chief or Assistant Engineers, shall, upon a complaint, be tried by the Board, and, if found guilty, be censured, suspended, removed from office, or expelled from the Fire Department, as the Board, in its judgment, may direct. They shall examine the returns, and declare the result of all Engineers' elections and give them their certificates of office.

SEC. 5.—The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, elected by the Board of Delegates shall be styled, respectively, the "President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the San Francisco Fire Department," and in all business relating thereto, the President and Secretary shall be empowered to administer oaths and affirmations. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the Delegates, and the Secretary from the Department at large. The Secretary, if not a member of the Board, shall take and subscribe an oath to perform the duties of the office faithfully, and in accordance with the laws of the Department, and he shall be ex-officio clerk of the Chief Engineer.

SEC. 6.—A company shall be composed of not more than sixty-five nor less than twenty-five males of the full age of twenty-one years—all of whom must be duly registered members of the Department. The officers of a company shall be a Foreman—at least one Assistant Foreman—a Secretary and a Treasurer. A company desiring admission into the Department must make application to the Board of Delegates, accompanying such application with a copy of their constitution, signed by at least twenty-five males of the age of twenty-one years, the names of their officers, the residence of their members, and the location they desire; and, should the Board, by a vote of the majority of all its members, decide to recommend the admission of such company, the Secretary of the Department shall shall forward to the .... a certificate of such recommendation, together with the petition of the company, the constitution of the same, the names of the officers and men, their residences and the location desired. If such recommendation shall receive the approval of the ...., the company shall be declared admitted into the Department, and shall be furnished by the .... with fire apparatus and a house for receiving the same; and no petition for the admission of any company shall be entertained by the .... until it shall have received the recommendation of the Board of Delegates.

SEC. 7.—It shall be unlawful for any company or association, not belonging to the Department to perform any of the duties of fireman, when said Department or any portion thereof is in service, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 8.—Wherever a fire company, by reason of deaths, resignations, or expulsions, shall have reduced its roll to less than twenty-five registered members, it shall be the duty of the Secrtary of the Department to forthwith notify the Chief Engineer and the Foreman of the company of the fact, and it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to suspend such company until the next stated meeting of the Board of Delegates, when unless a majority of the members composing the same decide to reinstate the company, it shall be disbanded.

SEC. 9.—The .... shall have sole power to order work and supplies for the Department. All proposals for the samo shall be opened by the Chief Engineer, in the presence of a majority of the Committee on Fire and Water, and by them, without unreasonable delay, awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders; all work done for and supplies furnished said Department, shall be under the supervision of the Chief Engineer, and he shall certify all bills for such work and supplies.

SECTION 10.—Upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Board of Supervisors are empowered to sell or exchange, under the supervision of the Chief Engineer and the Fire and Water Committee, any engines or apparatus pertaining to the Department, and belonging to the city and county; and the proceeds of such sale or sales shall be paid to and credited by the County Auditor to the Fire Department Fund—and may be appropriated, by order of said Board of Supervisors, for any necessary purposes connected with the Fire Deparrment, and such amount so received shall not be considered as any part of the amount previously appropriated to the Fire Department, but shall be considered as an extra allowance thereto.

SEC. 11 —The Chief Engineer shall report to the ——— quarterly, in the months of January, April, July, and October, the number, location, and condition of cisterns and fire apparatus, and the state of fire company houses, and all property of the city in keeping of said Department. Also, all accidents by fire which may have taken place, with the causes thereof, and a description of the property destroyed or injured, with the names of the owners of the same; also such other information and such recommendations as he may deem proper. He shall furthermore inquire into the causes of all fires, and see that all persons, criminally connected therewith, are diligently prosecuted by the proper authorities.

SEC. 12.—The Board of Delegates shall, at their stated meeting in December of each year, elect three persons to serve as Bell Ringers of the —— Hall bell, who shall be governed by such rules as the Board may prescribe, and for a violation of the same shall be amenable to the Board.

SEC. 13 —All fines collected under all fire —— shall be appropriated to the Fire Department Charitable Fund. They shall be paid to ——, who is hereby authorized and instructed to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Fire Department Charitable Fund, taking his receipt therefor, which receipt shall be deposited in the office of ——.

SEC. 14.—The salary of the Chief Engineer shall be $5,000 per annum—the salary of the Secretary shall be $1,800 per annum—the salary of the Bell Ringers shall be $1,800 each per annum. All salaries shall be paid monthly out of the Fire Department Fund.

SEC. 15.—Any member of any fire company belonging to the said Department, who shall have served as an active fireman for the period of five years, and shall produce a certificate of the same, signed by the proper officer or officers of the Fire Department, shall be entitled to receive a certificate as an exempt fireman, which certificate of exemption shall forever release him, after the date thereof, from jury duty or militia service, within this State, provided that the service which shall entitle such person to the exemption herein provided, shall not date prior to the date of the original certificate of membership of such person of the fire company or companies belonging to the Department, in which such service shall have heretofore, or may hereafter, be rendered; and further—that the date from which said period of five years shall begin, shall be the time when such person became a member of said Department, and shall be proven by the production by such person, of a properly authenticated certificate of his membership of some fire company or companies belonging to the Department.

SEC. 16.—Exempt members of the Department may organize themselves, to be known and designated as the *Exempt Fire Company;* they shall be provided by the —— with a house, and shall be subject to the laws of the Department, and the directions of its offices; they shall be entitled to equal relief from the Fire Department Charitable Fund, but they shall have no vote or other representation in the Department.

SEC. 17.—This act shall take effect immediately except Section 14, which shall not take effect until the expiration of the terms of office, respectively of the present Chief Engineer, Assistant Engineers, Clerk of Chief Engineer, Bell Ringers, and Secretary of said Department, and said officers shall be paid respectively during the unexpired portion of their several terms, at the rates per annum as fixed by an act entitled "An act to regulate the Fire Department of the city of San Francisco, passed April 30, 1855—provided that Section 14 of this act shall take effect immediately after the expiration of said terms of office, and there shall be no other salaries thereafter except as fixed in Section 14.

SEC. 18.—All laws or parts of laws, in any way conflicting with this act, are hereby repealed.

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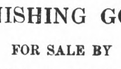

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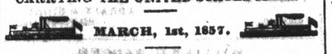

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Odds and Ends.

KEEN REJOINDER.—The Marysville *Inquirer* is responsible for the following:

The other day a witness was under cross-examination by an attorney, who did his best to puzzle and brow-beat him so as to overset the testimony he had given to his client. The question was something relating to machinery, and the witness had used the word "philosophically" in his evidence. The attorney continually harped upon his phrase, and endeavored to make the witness ridiculous in the eyes of the jury. At last he inquired:

"Pray, Mr. Witness, as you seem to be a great philosopher, can you tell me what the consequence would be if the air should be exhausted from a hogshead?"

"Yes, sir," replied the witness, "the head would fall in."

"Indeed, sir," pursued the counsel, "can you tell me philosophically why the head should fall in first?"

"Yes, sir," returned the witness, "it is because hogsheads are like some lawyers; their heads *are the weakest part*."

The roar of the court-room acknowledged the victory of the witness over the counsel.

ELECTION.—At a meeting of Alert Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, held last evening, the following were elected officers for the ensuing term:—G. W. Wallace, President; L. D Kelly, Foreman; Jacob B. Blanchard, 1st Assistant Foreman; John Andrews, 2d Assistant Foreman; W. H. Blauvelt, Secretary; Egbert Mott, Treasurer; G. H. Swinerton, G. W. Wallace and S. B. Schemerhorn, Trustees.—*Sac. Union.*

.... In the city of London one of the conditions of a license to keep tavern is, that the keeper shall, without pay, cook and salt a piece of meat for any person desiring it done. Any particular individual can step into a butcher's, pick out his steak, and see it cooked. The only reward of the publican for his fire, labor, and salt, is the chance of selling a glass of "'alf and 'alf" or ale, to the beef-eater.

.... An Irishman, who had just arrived from the Emerald Isle, hearing a gun firing at the closing of the day, asked what the noise meant. Being told that it was the sundown gun, he exclaimed: "Sure, an' does the sun make such a divil of a noise goin' down in this counthry."

.... "How fortunate I am in meeting a rainbeau in this storm," said a young lady who was caught in a shower the other day to her beau of promise, who happened along with with an umbrella. "And I," said he, gallantly, "am as much rejoiced as the poor Laplander when he caugh a reindeer."

...."Look a here, old fellow, you'll spoil your constitution by this style of thing—better hold up." "Constitution be blowed!" said the old fellow, "I broke that long ago. Been living on the by-laws this six months."

....It is announced that the proprietors of the St. Nicholas Hotel, New York, have it in contemplation to erect a magnificent hotel at Havana, Cuba.

....An editor, describing a lecture to the fair sex, exclaims with enthusiasm—"three thousand ladies hanging on the lips of one man."

....Eliza Emery warns all girls in the South and West, to look out for her gay, deceiving husband David. Thinks he may be known; and to prove so says: "David has a scar on his nose where I scratched him."

....The N. Y. Legislature has voted $500 for a gold medal to Capt. H. J. Hartsteine, the Arctic navigator and rescuer of the ship Resolute.

....Byron is said to have remarked that the "greatest trial to a woman's beauty, is the ungraceful act of eating eggs." Some Yankee remarks, that the poet could never have seen a lady hanging on by the teeth to a blazing hot corn cob!

....If a man's worth depends on his "acres," a person with eight decayed teeth should be considered a man of property. Assessors will please take notice.

...."How long did Adam remain in Paradise before he sinned?" said an amiable spouse to her husband. "Till he got a wife," calmly answered the husband.

....The first woman who appeared on the English stage was Mrs. Coleman, in 1656. Previously, men enacted the women's characters.

....THINGS UNKNOWN.—Show us a young lady whose waist has ever been encompassed by an arm of the sea.

....Who has ever seen the cow that had calves to its legs.

....Where is the identical nose of the bellows that never smelt a rat.

....Where is the person that was never felt for by the heart of an oak?

....Was any barber ever applied to to shave the beard of an oyster?

....Where is the girl who was ever married to a pig's chap?

....Where is the man to be found who has ever been sensibly felt by a hand of pork?

....What vocalist can lay claim to having ever been listened to by an ear of corn?

....Who has ever been pushed by a shoulder of mutton? [We know of many who have been pushed for one.]

....The individual who was ever seen by the eye of a potato has never been visible. Barnum may possibly discover him.

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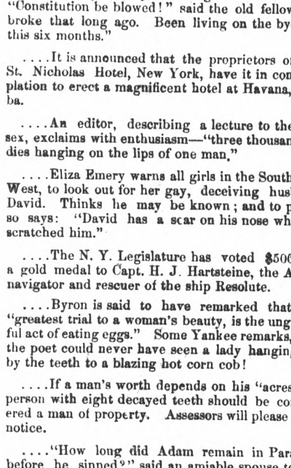

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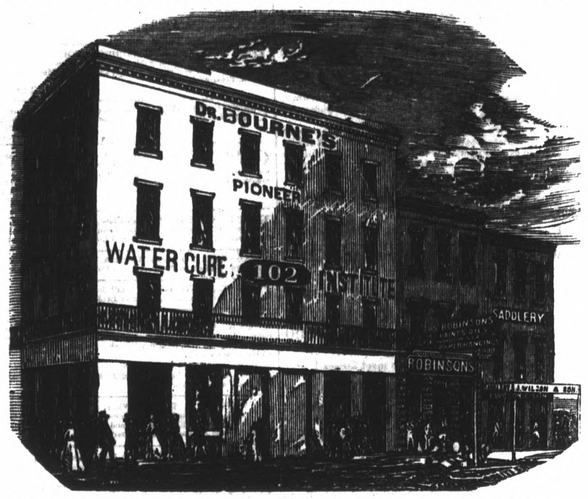

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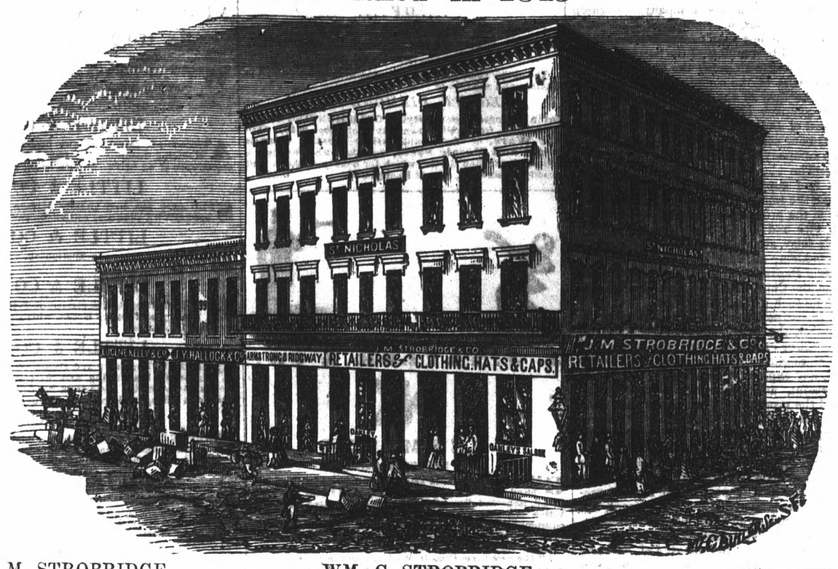

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THE 20th ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS Company was held on the 13th instant, when the following results of the business for the year ending the 31st of January of last, were submitted to the proprietors and policy holders:

Fire Department.

Premiums for the year, £17 850 19s 9d.; which after payment of all losses and expenses, and provision for all outstanding claims, left to the credit of profit and a net balance of £13,298 13s 3d.

Life Department.

Premiums of 567 new Policies issued during the year.....£8 686 00 00
Renewal Premiums and Interest.....£53 498 7 11

Total revenue for the year.....£62 84 7 11
Claims during the year.....£18,9 8 19 6
Number of Policies current, 3834 for capital sums amounting to.....£1,535 860

Finance,

Amount of invested funds, upwards of.....£300,000
Revenue from all sources above.....£140,000

Declaration of Bonus.

The Company having this year completed the fourth quinquennial period of its existence, the Directors after a careful investigation into the Life Department, resolved to recommend, from the profits of the past five years, a bonus present and prospective to the the policy holders of the participating class, of £1 7s. 6d. per cent per annum on all policies current at the 31st of January last; and although from the Report of the Committee of Investigation, it appeared that a considerably higher bonus might have been declared, the meeting resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Directors, and to carry forward the surplus for appropriation at the declaration of profits to take in 1861

Dividend.

At the same time the directors having recommended that the Dividend to the shareholders for the past year be increased from 6 to 7½ per cent on the paid-up capital, the same was adopted accordingly.

Progress of the Company During the Past Five Years.

	Fire Department, £ s. d.	Life Department. £ s. d.
Revenue from May 1, 1851, to April 30, 1852	10 819 1 6	37,120 11 1
Revenue from May 1, 1852, to April 30, 1853	13 431 13 9	39,367 4 9
Revenue from May 1, 1853, to April 30, 1854	29,824 4 7	42,368 12 4
Revenue from May 1, 1854 to Jan. 31, 1855, (nine months)	37,303 0 0	33 374 2 11
Revenue from Feb. 1, 1855 to Jan. 17, 1856. June 17, 1856.	77,85 0 19 9	62,184 7 11

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Anchor Gin in Bond.
10 PIPES WHITE, and very fine flavor;
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WATCHES OF ALL KINDS.
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